

POLICE TURN BACKS AS BURLY SLUGGERS SLUG

"It's amazing that police conditions have gone so far in this city," said Ald. Buck Monday. "Here is a grand jury with D. R. Forgan of National City bank as foreman, a jury with merchants and manufacturers as members of it. And their report supports all the serious charges made by aldermen that the police department is not neutral, that it takes sides, that there is evidence policemen are in collusion with private detectives and sluggers.

"Employers hire the services of private detective agencies to protect their employes in coming and going from their places of business and in the delivery of goods," says the grand jury report. "The employes of these agencies are in many cases mere professional sluggers, with the result that union pickets are attacked for parading the streets in front of the places where they formerly worked and trying to dissuade those who have taken their places from working.

"In the latter cases of violence we had evidence to prove that uniformed policemen were in some manner so influenced to the side of these detective sluggers that they would turn their backs while an assault was being made, and if they made an arrest at all they would arrest the victims instead of the perpetrators of the assault.

"We had no sufficient evidence connecting employers with responsibility for these occurrences, but it is an outrage that any one, be he striker or not, should be so treated by the police, to whom he has a right to look for protection.

"It is the business of the police to stop disorder by whomsoever committed, and it is the duty of the chief and superior officers of the department to see that such action on the part of patrolmen, as above described, is severely punished."

Joseph W. Steele, an employe of the Shippy, Hunt & Dorman detective agency, was a witness before the grand jury. During the garment strike an affidavit of Steele was made public. He stated he got orders from L. W. Fitzgerald, general manager of the agency, and from two foremen of the Royal Tailors shop to slug pickets. One day so many pickets were pointed out to him for slugging, he alleged, that his fists became swollen and he was unfit for duty the next day. During the absence of Fitzgerald one day Steele said that Nick Hunt, now chief of detectives, came personally to the Royal Tailors shop to see how things were going.

Arthur Kawohl, another Shippy, Hunt & Dorman "operative" testified before the grand jury. Others were Ellen Gates Starr, Frances W. Lillie and Mrs. W. E. Rodriguez.

H. E. Baker, assistant to State's Att'y Hoyne, comes in for mention in the grand jury report. He was on the job, it is stated.

William A. Cunnea, attorney for garment strikers, said he had expected the evidence would be strong enough for indictments to be returned against certain employers.

"Progress comes slowly, however," he said. "And I guess it's going a long ways in Cook county when we get a grand jury to openly cast discredit on the police department for strikebreaking services."

David R. Forgan, president of the National City bank, was foreman of the grand jury. Members were:

Geo. T. Graham, 825 Lafayette av.; Edward Y. Horder, 6411 Washington blvd.; Wm. J. M. Lahl, 155 N. Austin av.; Wm. Lahn, 2558 S. Springfield av.; Frank J. Ludwig, 1823 Larrabee st.; Edward J. Mack, 1112 W. Randolph st.; John L. Meiness, Barrington, John Morava, 1631 Hinman av., Evanston; Adam Oooms, 146 W. 11th st.; Walter R. Patterson, 431 W. Sibley st.; Cyrus E. Pratt, 1708 Estes av.; Bradford W. Ripley, 4201 Clarendon av.; W. Irving Schemmer-